

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

M I N U T E S

MEETING 13th MAY, 1929.

N. J. FRIZELLE,
SECRETARY.

FORTVIEW,
WEXFORD.

The monthly meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 13th May, 1929.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman (presiding); also present:- Messrs James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, Patrick Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, John Doran, Col. C. M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, William P. Keegan, Thomas Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, M. M. Roche, James Shannon, Myles Smyth James E. Walsh and Miss Nellie O'Ryan.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

VOTES OF CONDOLENCE.

Miss O'Ryan proposed a vote of condolence with the family of the late Mr. Austin Stack who, she described, as probably the greatest Irishman of his time. She coupled with his name in the vote the name of Mr. Samuel Holt who, she stated, was a faithful disciple of Mr. Stack.

Mr. Corish seconded.

Mr. Keegan associated himself with the motion which was adopted in silence.

Miss O'Ryan proposed a vote of condolence with the members of the Loreto Order in the death of Mother Eucharist who had taken charge of the University Scholarship Holders of their County from time to time. She was a great educationalist and her death was a great loss to the Order. All their Scholarship holders had expressed their liveliest appreciation of the kindness and affection displayed towards them by Mother Eucharist.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded the motion which was passed in silence.

Mr. Shannon proposed, on behalf of the Council, a vote of condolence with the relatives of the late Mr. John Sinnott, Rate

Collector. In 1920 the Rate Collectors were summoned into the Courthouse and asked to support the Council and uphold the honour of the County. Mr. Sinnott was the oldest man in the room and he was the youngest man to come out of it. He stood by the Council when a number of younger men failed to do so.

Mr. Hall, in seconding, said that only for the action of Mr. Sinnott and a few others of their officials, in those days, it would have been impossible for the Council to have carried on.

The motion was adopted in silence.

STRIKING RATES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1929-30.

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On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall the following resolution was adopted:-

"That as set out on Forms 42 and 43, and as appearing on Minutes of County Council in respect of meeting held on 25th February, 1929, and also as appearing in advertising columns of "The People", "The Free Press and "Echo" newspapers of 20th April, 1929, we hereby strike the Rate for General and Separate Charges for Financial year 1929-30, the general Rate being fixed at 8/-^s in the £, and amounts of Rates for each Separate Charge being as set out on said Minutes of County Council in respect of meeting of 25th February, 1929, and on said newspapers. We allow and make the same as assessed in Rate Books said Rates being in conformity with the Valuation in force for the time being as set out in the Valuation Lists furnished this County by Valuation Department.

"That the allowance of said Rates as entered on foot of said Rate Books signed by the Presiding Chairman and two members present at this meeting, be adopted, attested by the seal of the Wexford County Council and countersigned by the Secretary.

"That we hereby strike Drainage Rate for financial year 1929-30 for Kilmannock District for the sum of £83: 7: 10d in accordance with Schedule to Charging Order issued by the Commission-

ers for Public Works under date 19th January, 1927, and which is set out on Minutes of meeting of Wexford County Council of 9th May, 1927. That a sum of £20 be also levied on the persons whose names are set out in said schedule, same being necessary for works of maintenance as per report of County Surveyor.

"That warrants for Rate Collectors for Collection of all Rates included in this resolution be sealed and signed.

"That the Demands of Wexford County Council on the Urban District Councils of Enniscorthy, New Ross and Wexford, as appearing on form 48 be duly signed and sealed, the amounts demanded from said Urban Councils being as follows:-

Enniscorthy	£2576 : 11 : 3d
New Ross	£2280 : 15 : 5d
Wexford	£5645 : 18 : 5d.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES.

Roads Committee:-

Minutes of Roads' Committee in respect of meeting held on 22nd April, 1929, were submitted as follows:-

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The monthly meeting of the Roads' Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 22nd April, 1929.

The following were in attendance:- Messrs P. Colfer, John J. Colloton, T. F. D'Arcy, Col. Gibbon, J. Hall, P. Hayes, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Col. Quin, M.M. Roche, Myles Smyth.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, the six Assistant Surveyors and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, were also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. D'Arcy, the chair was taken by Col. Gibbon.

(Subsequently Mr. Shannon, V.C. attended and presided for portion of the meeting).

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following report was presented by the County Surveyor:-

"As directed by the Council I have particulars of the dimensions of the water channels and concrete footpath in the town of Gorey, and small submit estimate to the meeting.

"On the 16th instant I inspected the road and lands liable to flooding at Rosslare. There is a short section of the road at the junction of the Road to the Slob beyond the Golf Pavilion which is constantly liable to flooding. At this place the land is very flat, and there is insufficient depth to put in an ordinary gullet, and no tail run for same. The only thing that could be done, in my opinion, is to put in an iron pipe close to the surface embedded in concrete which will prevent the water flowing across the road, and to some extent, remove the nuisance. As regards the flooded lands I interviewed Messrs Bent and Furlong, owners, and I believe that the cause of the flooding is the defective sluices and out-fall into the Harbour. This case is very similar to the Ford-of-Lyng flooding, but in no way affects the County Road.

"I have frequent inquiries from unemployed workers in regard to their Insurance stamps which were destroyed during the recent fire, and I have been in communication with the Ministry of Industry and Commerce on the matter. On to-day I wired the Mayor (Alderman Corish) asking him to take up the matter, and try to have a settlement made without further delay.

"I have invited tenders for the hauling of tar macadam for the Camblin Road Improvement, and shall submit same to the meeting with my recommendations thereon. The quarry preparation for this work is now well advanced, and I have on hands the tar required for the job, and I shall be able to start the work without delay.

"I have dealt with all Road Improvement Grants and have furnished complete final forms to the Local Government with the exception of the Grant N.881 on the Enniscorthy-New Ross Road, and Grant S.855 on the Gorey-Courtown Road. Both these jobs are now in progress.

"The Pioneer Road Construction Company is at present engaged in making good all the joints and cracks in the concrete road, and are doing satisfactory work. When they have finished I shall go over the whole length of the road carefully before finally approving and shall submit further particulars.

"I have made arrangements for starting the surface dressing work as approved by the Council in their Road Works Scheme, and have the bitumen on order for same. The work has been delayed waiting the arrival of the bitumen, but I believe this will be at hand now at once when a start can be made.

"I have carefully gone into the allocation of the money between the contracts and direct labour for the coming year, and find that there will be great difficulty in dealing with some of the roads. I have circularised the Assistant Surveyors asking them to suggest new grouping of the roads with consequent reduction in the number of gangers necessary. I believe it will

be very difficult to carry out the work in a satisfactory and economic manner. Later when I have considered a Scheme I shall submit particulars to the Council.

"The Enniscorthy Urban Council have signified their agreement to the County Council terms for maintenance of the Main Roads in their Area, and I understand that the Wexford Urban Council will also accept our terms. As the New Ross Urban Council have refused to enter into agreement I am making arrangements to carry out the work. In this case I expect there will be great difficulty in allocating the responsibility for what I consider purely scavenging work, and I think it would be well if the Urban Council were further approached to take over the job.

"I submit a list of allocations of money from the Public Works Fund. These sums will not necessarily be expended but it is advisable to have the allocation made now so as to meet demands as they crop up.

"I submit recommendations for charges for Machinery and Quarry material to remain in force for the year unless altered by a subsequent resolution:-

Steam Drill.....	£3 per day
Granulator and.....	£4 per day for the 16x9"
machine.....	£3 per day for the 12x8"
Stonebreaker.....	£3 per day
Compressor Drill Plant.....	£4 per day
Roller.....	45/- per day,
Lorry.....	50/- per day,
Tar Boiler or Sprayer.....	£1 per week.

For Road Material there will be a flat rate as under for all Grant and Direct Labour work:-

Rubble Stone.....	4/- per cubic yard,
Broken Stone.....	7/- per cubic yard,
Chippings screened from B.S.....	7/- per cubic yard,
Granulated Chippings.....	10/- per cubic yard.

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"The rate charged to Contractors shall be that as set out in the specification."

PUBLIC WORKS ALLOCATIONS.

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Bridges:-

Maintenance Wexford Bridge.....	£50
Repairs Wexford Bridge.....	£25
Maintenance Ferrycarrig Bridge.....	£25
Maintenance Deeps Bridge.....	£15
Maintenance Edermine Bridge.....	£15
Repairs Edermine Bridge.....	£25
Maintenance New Ross Bridge.....	£70
Repairs New Ross Bridge.....	£100
Caretaking New Ross Bridge.....	£30.

Harbours:-

Repairs Courtown Harbour.....	£25
Repairs Poulduff Harbour.....	£10
Repairs Kilmore Harbour.....	£50
Repairs Fethard Harbour.....	£25
Repairs Duncannon Harbour.....	£25
Repairs Arthurstown Harbour.....	£25
Repairs Ballyhack Harbour.....	£10
Repairs Slade Harbour.....	£25

Courthouses and County Buildings:-

Repairs Enniscorthy Courthouse.....	£15
Repairs Gorey Courthouse.....	£15
Repairs New Ross Courthouse.....	£15
Repairs County Buildings.....	£100

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"That the Report of the County Surveyor be received and considered".

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Footpaths Gorey Town.

The County Surveyor said there were three lengths of channel in Main Street - two of 86 lineal yards each and the third 91: Total 263. His estimate for the work was £41:10:0d. It was very badly needed and would have to be done as the water was constantly lodging opposite merchants houses.

The following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That water channels in accordance with report of County Surveyor be laid down in Main Street Gorey at a cost not exceeding £41: 10: 0d, actual cost to be debited to Contingencies Fund."

As regards the repair of other footpaths in Gorey referred to at last meeting of the Roads Committee it was decided, on the advice of the County Surveyor, that proposed repair should stand over for the present.

Burrow Rosslare

In connection with flooding at the Burrow Rosslare, Mrs C. Bent, Rosslare, forwarded letter from Department of Agriculture under date 25th February, 1929 (G.542-29) stating that the Department could not take any action in the matter. They suggested she should communicate with the County Council with a view to ascertaining whether the flooding of the land could be dealt with under the provisions of the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act 1928.

The meeting considered it was not practicable to have any drainage Scheme promoted under the Act referred to by the Department.

The County Surveyor said that the real flooding occurred below high water level and there was no means of taking off the water which fell on the land during the low tide.

It was decided to communicate with Mr. James Bent (who had brought this matter to the attention of the Council on several occasions) and inform him that the Council were satisfied, after

inspection of the place, that the flooding was caused by the defective nature of the sluices which should be put in order but in regard to these the Council had no responsibility.

Insurance Stamps

The County Surveyor said that he had not been able to obtain a reply from the Department of Industry & Commerce as to the claim for recoupment for the stamps which had been destroyed in the fire which had occurred in his office. The men were complaining they were unable to get their unemployment benefit.

Mr. Colfer said there were five men in Fethard and four in Bannow who had been idle since 9th February and some of them and their families were actually hungry.

The Chairman (Col. Gibbon) said that directions should be given to have the cards stamped in the cases of men who were definitely known to be destitute. He proposed a motion to this effect.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded the motion which was adopted.

The Chairman (Col. Gibbon) proposed:-

"That the attention of the Department of Industry & Commerce be called to the necessity for making refund of claim by County Surveyor for amount of insurance stamps destroyed in fire as the men concerned were urgently needing the benefit to which they were entitled." Mr. O'Byrne seconded. Passed.

Under date 19th April, Messrs Sinnott & Co., Solicitors, Enniscorthy, wrote to County Surveyor that the Insurance cards ^{John} alleged to have been sent out to Wickham on 6th October last never reached him. He had been disemployed since 8th January and had lost the benefit to which he was entitled, if the contributions had been paid up and the cards handed to him or to the Insurance Officials. They (Sinnott & Co.,) had no alternative but to proceed under section 24 of the Insurance Act of 1920 and were about to issue a summons.

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The meeting considered the Co. Council were liable in this case and the County Surveyor was instructed to have the necessary cards for Wickham stamped immediately.

It was decided that where a number of cards were sent to the Ganger a list should be furnished him on which each workman concerned was to affix his signature. When fully signed the list to be returned to County Council Offices with a view to having it compared with duplicate list in County Council Offices. In the case of individual workers a form of receipt of acknowledgement of card to be forwarded to Co. Council offices.

It was decided that the County Surveyor submit to next meeting of the County Council for sanction a definite scheme for the handling of insurance cards to prevent and check losses of these cards through the post or otherwise.

Hauling Tar Macadam Camblin Road.

The County Surveyor submitted four tenders for this work:- Messrs John Wallis & Sons, Railway Agents etc., Waterford, 2/3d per cubic yard for Section 1; 2/- per c.y. for Section 2 and 1/9d per c.y. for section 3. Michael O'Hanlon, 6, Faythe, Wexford, tendered at 2/7d; 2/- and 1/4d per c.y., for sections 1, 2, and 3 respectively. Martin Donohoe, Shallowspark, New Ross at 3/-, 1/1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d and 2d (less loading for which County Council would be responsible) and J. Flood & Co., Clonroche at a flat rate of 1/10d per cubic yard.

The County Surveyor said the haulage for No.3 section covered a distance of only one-third of a mile and taking that into consideration Flood's tender was the cheapest.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. McCarthy:-

"That tender of Messrs J. Flood & Co., Clonroche, for haulage of tar macadam to New Ross-Camblin-Campile-Duncan non road as per figures submitted to this meeting by County Surveyor

be accepted."

New Ross Urban Council and Maintenance of Main Roads.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That the reference in County Surveyor's report to refusal of New Ross Urban District Council to take over the maintenance of the Main Roads in their area be referred to next Co. Council meeting at which Messrs Walsh and Cooney, who are members of the Urban District Council, will be in attendance."

Machinery Charges

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. McCarthy seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the charges for machinery and road material as set out in the County Surveyor's report be adopted and remain in force for six months ending 30th September, 1929, provided these figures are approved by next meeting of the County Council."

Allocations for Public Works.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That we approve of the various allocations for Public Works as recommended to this meeting by the County Surveyor"

As regards decking for New Ross Bridge it was decided that the County Surveyor submit report to next meeting of the Roads Committee for a better wearing and more permanent surface than that used at present.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin, seconded by Mr. Colloton:- "That the report of County Surveyor to this meeting be and is hereby approved".

ROAD 249.

The Secretary reported that John Doyle, Wheelagower, Ballindaggin, who had been accepted Contractor for above Road

had declined to complete bond.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That Road 249 be given in charge of County Surveyor up to 31st March, 1930."

WEXFORD TENDERS' COMMITTEE
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The following report of above was submitted:-

"The Wexford Tenders Committee met at County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 20th April, 1929.

Present Colonel Gibbon (presiding) and Miss O'Ryan.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors Kehoe and Birthistle were also in attendance.

Tenders as submitted and as set out on Form 20 were accepted for all advertised fourth class roads in the District with the exception of 622, 761, 893, 976.

It was recommended that these four roads be given in charge of County Surveyor for period up to 31st March, 1930."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. McCarthy:- "That we confirm Minutes of Tenders Committee and recommend the County Council to ratify Contracts taken thereat. That we also recommend that the four untendered roads, 622, 761, 893 and 976, be placed in charge of County Surveyor up to 31st March, 1930."

FORD-OF-Lyng.
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Opinion of Mr. Jellet, K.C., was submitted by Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, and discussed.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee should communicate with the Quit Rent Office in Dublin with a view to inspection of maps.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin, seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That we act on the opinion of Counsel and that Mr. Elgee proceed accordingly."

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Col. Gibbon asked if Counsel had been informed that the spillways had been raised by the owners of the Tynte estate by about 18 inches and that if it had not been for that the flooding would not be so serious.

County Surveyor - That does not affect the place at the present at all.

Mr. Elgee - Counsel was informed of this matter. I asked Messrs Meldon & Co., for the names of the Drainage Commissioners but they refused to give them.

DISMISSAL OF ROAD WORKER.

James J. Shannon, Road Worker, who was dismissed on 16th February for a direct breach of instructions came before the meeting and submitted a lengthy statement denying the charge that he had deliberately disobeyed the instructions of the ganger.

Mr. Kehoe (Assistant Surveyor) said that Shannon had been informed not to interfere with the bushes which had been cut as they were claimed by the land owner (Mr. Flaherty) but in spite of this Shannon had helped his father to load them and take them away.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Colonel Quin:-

"The Roads' Committee see no reason why they should make a recommendation to the County Council for the reinstatement of Shannon".

ENNISCORTHY-NEW ROSS ROAD.

The County Surveyor submitted report from Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, under date 2nd April that he was arranging to start rolling at Killanne turn on 8th April and when screenings had been dumped on remainder they could start second gang at the Leap and work towards the turn so that the danger apprehended there would be avoided.

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ROAD 790 - CAMPILE-BALLYSALLAGH CROSS.

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Mr. P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, reported under date 4th April that he had inspected this road on the previous day. The length of this road was 1000 perches and 100 perches of it were very bad; there were long sections on which the sides are several inches higher than the centre. It would take 200 cubic yards to maintain it for a number of years but the tonnage had been decreasing for the last three years. In 1926-27 there was 120 cubic yards spread; in 1927-28, 100 cubic yards, and last year, 1928-29, 82 cubic yards, while there was provision for 60 cubic yards only for the coming year.

Mr. T. J. Kelly, Solicitor for Mr. P. O'Brien, Dungulph, who claimed £30 for injury to lorry owing to the bad condition of this road wrote that he had noted the Council had been advised they were not liable for the injury. Without prejudice to any further action which his client might take he wished to know whether the Council proposed taking any steps to repair the road complained of by Mr. O'Brien.

A further letter under date 8th April was read from Mr. T. J. Kelly, Solicitor for Shelburne Co-Operative Agricultural Society, Ltd., Campile, complaining of this road. Owing to its condition the springs of their lorries were continually breaking. Their loss on this account for the past twelve months had been considerable. The Society wishes to know whether the Council intended to repair this road and if so when the repairs were likely to be carried out.

The County Surveyor said he would bring forward a supplemental proposal to have increased tonnage provided for this road.

WEXFORD-ROSSLARE ROAD.

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Under date 19th April the following letter was read from Mr. A. B. Hadden, Hon., Sec., Rosslare Golf Club:-

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"At a Committee meeting of this club held a few days ago, I was instructed to communicate with you, and to express the hope that the County Council would now see their way to carry out their promise of October last, with regard to the repairs to the Rosslare Road.

"Those in a position to know, estimate that there will be more visitors than ever to Rosslare this year, but unfortunately, the Road is probably in a worse state now than it has ever been.

"It is earnestly hoped therefore, that the County Council will take the matter in hand immediately."

The County Surveyor said this road was not in a bad condition at all. They had applied for a grant for its improvement and unless this was forthcoming they could do no more than just maintain it.

It was decided to inform Mr. Hadden that the Council were still negotiating with Local Government Department for the purpose of improvement of Wexford-Rosslare Road.

SPECIAL SUB-COMMITTEE - ROAD MAINTENANCE. =====

It was decided that the County Council at their meeting on 13th May should fix date of Meeting of Special Sub-Committee to consider and submit recommendations as regards improvement in methods of Road maintenance.

MAINTENANCE MAIN ROADS ENNISCORTHY URBAN COUNCIL. =====

The County Surveyor submitted letter under date 22nd March from Town Clerk, Enniscorthy, that his Council approved of the offer of the County Council for maintenance of Main Roads in the Urban area, viz., £280 trunk and £180 link roads.

ERECTION OF POLE AT COURTTOWN HARBOUR. =====

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Col. Quin:-

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 "That as recommended by Courtown Harbour Committee,
 Courtown,
 Michael Kenny, be granted permission to erect pole at
 Courtown Harbour (for use for life saving apparatus exercise)
 on North Pier."

DANGEROUS CORNER AT KNOCKBRANDON CREAMERY.
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Under date 1st April Mr. Samuel C. Fox, Craan,
 Craanford, wrote calling attention to the necessity for
 dealing with dangerous corner about 50 yards at Craanford
 side of Knockbrandon Creamery as the view was obscured.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of
 Mr. D'Arcy, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to take steps
 to have hedges at corner near Knockbrandon Creamery lowered
 in order to afford a view of road to vehicular traffic, cost
 not to exceed £6."

ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR.
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Under date 25th March, 1929, letter was read from Mr.
 Patrick O'Brien, Secretary to St. Helen's (Kilrane) Fishermen's
 Association, reminding the Council that the present was
 considered an ideal time for starting the work of renovating
 St. Helen's Harbour. Unemployment in the district was now at
 its highest.

It was decided to inform Mr. O'Brien that nothing could
 be done to the structure until it had been legally vested in
 the County Council and that Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, was endeavour-
 ing to ascertain the names of the owners.

NEW ROSS COURTHOUSE.
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Under date 12th April the Hon., Sec., County Feis, wrote
 applying for the use of New Ross Courthouse for junior dancing
 competitions to be held on 20th May in connection with the
 County Feis.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. D'Arcy,

a resolution was adopted agreeing to the application.

GANGERS AND ROAD CONTRACTORS.

Mr. Culleton said that at the last meeting of the Council he had raised the question that certain road gangers had canvassed road contractors to give up their contracts. He now proposed that Gangers Bennett, Brownswood, and Sunderland Clonhaston, be requested to attend the next meeting of the County Council in order to have their action in this matter investigated by the Council.

Mr. D'Arcy seconded.

Mr. Hayes proposed:-

"That the persons who complained to Mr. Culleton as to Gangers Bennett and Sunderland be asked to attend the County Council and submit statements of their charges against the gangers in question!"

Mr. O'Byrne seconded.

As an amendment to Mr. Culleton's motion the following was moved by Col. Quin and seconded by Mr. McCarthy:-

"That Gangers Bennett and Sunderland be summoned to next meeting of the Roads' Committee for investigation into charges of canvassing road contractors to surrender their contracts."

This amendment was carried on a show of hands by 8 to 3.

A long discussion took place on Mr. Hayes' motion which was eventually withdrawn.

DANGEROUS FOOTBRIDGE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That a sum not exceeding £10 be placed in charge of County Surveyor for repair of dangerous footbridge on Road 320 - between Monamolin and Camolin."

HANDBREAKING STONES AT MOUNTAIN OF FORTH.

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Mr. Hayes strongly urged the meeting to agree to the re-opening of handbreaking material at the Mountain of Forth. The men there were in a very bad way and there was no other work in the district.

The County Surveyor said they had procured as much material as they could use.

Mr. Birthistle (Assistant Surveyor) said he could have procured material elsewhere but for the sake of the local men he used what material they produced and kept the work going up to now. But he could not do so any longer without definite instructions from the Council.

No order.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That the Minutes of Roads' Committee in respect of meeting of 22nd April be received and considered."

Insurance Stamps:- The following, under date 27th April, 1929, was read from the Department of Industry & Commerce, Lord Edward Street, Dublin (E.B.112094) as to claim of refund of cost of stamps destroyed in the recent fire in County Surveyor's office:- "I am directed by the Minister for Industry & Commerce to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 25th instant in the above named matter (Unemployment Insurance) which is receiving attention."

With regard to adoption of Scheme for dealing with Insurance Cards in the future the County Surveyor submitted the following:-

"Send all Unemployment Cards to Labour Exchange on completion of work or on card being full up. Ask for new Card if necessary.

"N.H. Cards to be lodged with Assistant Surveyors for distribution and receipt from Workman obtained. Each Workman to be notified re both cards."

Instructions to Assistant Surveyors & Gangers.

"No Workman to be taken on, or allowed to work until his cards are handed to the Ganger.

In no case must a workman's name appear on Pay Sheet without card being lodged. On first appearance of workman's name on Pay Sheet it must be definitely noted that both N.H. and Unemployment cards are handed in. This note should be made in left hand margin by mention of letters H. and U.

Cards must be sent with Pay Sheet to County Surveyor's Office. When a workman is being noticed to terminate employment the

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County Surveyor must receive written notice at the same time, stating cause of discharge, and date coming into effect."

Mr. McCarthy proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem.con.:- "That the scheme for dealing with Insurance cards as submitted to this meeting by the County Surveyor be and is hereby approved."

Mr. Shannon said that the County Council should come to the rescue of the men. The fire occurred on the 22nd January last and the claim for refund had not yet been dealt with by the Ministry for Industry & Commerce. It was unfair that ~~the~~ poor working men should be penalised because of the delay.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Cooney seconded the following resolution:- "That the County Council provide the necessary amount to stamp workers Insurance Cards for National Health and Unemployment which had been destroyed in the recent fire."

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, said that the Council were certainly responsible for the stamping of the cards and unfortunately it was not possible to effect an insurance to cover the risk.

After further discussion Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded, the following resolution:-

"That the question of allocating funds to stamp Workers' Insurance Cards be referred to next meeting of the Finance Committee on 23rd Instant with full powers to make payment for Insurance stamps for men who have ceased to be employed by the Council. That Mr. Corish, T. D., be requested to procure an interview with the Minister for Industry & Commerce with a view to making representations as to the justice of the case of the Council regarding refund of cost of stamps destroyed by fire."

After considerable discussion Miss O'Ryan withdrew her proposal and ~~the~~ motion of Mr. Hall referring the matter to the Finance Committee was unanimously adopted.

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New Ross Urban Council and Maintenance of Main Roads.

Mr. Walsh proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem.con.:-

"That the County Surveyor and Mr. Shortall, Town Surveyor, New Ross, consider the details of the work which is to be done by New Ross Urban Council under agreement with the County Council for the maintenance of the Main Roads in said Urban District. That they submit scheme to their respective Councils for approval."

Machinery Charges.

In reply to Mr. D'Arcy the County Surveyor stated that the £3 per day for breaker did not include the wages of men who were employed in feeding the machine. It only included the wages of the men engaged at the engine.

Mr. D'Arcy - You have six extra men engaged feeding.

County Surveyor - It varies from six to nine.

Mr. D'Arcy - I got a very different version at the Roads' Committee. I was told that the £3 covered the preparation of the material.

Mr. Smyth said he obtained the same impression as Mr. D'Arcy.

County Surveyor - The £3 was not to include the ordinary labour engaged in the breaking or the horses necessary to clear away the material. The hireage rate charged for the breaker covered the wages of engine driver and attendant also upkeep of engine, coal, oil and sundry stores, also the cost of and fitting of jaws and small running repairs.

Mr. D'Arcy said he would like to get from the County Surveyor a round figure as to the average cost of breaking over the whole county.

Mr. Smyth - At the Roads' Committee Mr. D'Arcy asked if the £3 did not cover the attendants on the machine and the County Surveyor said it did.

County Surveyor - Yes - the attendants on the machine but

not the labour in feeding it,

Chairman - Anyone looking into the matter could see that the £3 could not cover the labour in feeding the machine.

Mr. Keegan suggested that the County Councillors should attend at the quarries in their district with the Surveyors and ascertain what the cost of running the machinery was exactly.

Mr. D'Arcy said he would like to know definitely at the end of the year how many cubic yards of stone had been broken throughout the length and breadth of the County and then they would know where they were.

The County Surveyor said that taking the daily average the cost per day for breaker would work out as follows:- Driver 10/-; Attendant 6/-; Coal and haulage 15/-; oil 4/-; jaws 15/- repairs and sundries 10/- making a total of £3. He wished it to be definitely understood that the figures given were only on an average basis and were constantly varying. As a matter of fact figures varied in the same quarry from time to time.

The matter dropped..

Dismissal of Road Worker.

Under date 27th April letter was read from Mr. Shannon stating that he had not been given a fair change.

Mr. Murphy said he had been told that the man was reported to the County Surveyor but that whoever made the report did not put his own name to it but the name of another man.

After discussion Mr. Shannon proposed:- "That the case of James Shannon, Road worker, St Leonard's Ballycullane, be referred back to the Roads' Committee for reconsideration."

Mr. Corish seconded.

A poll on Mr. Shannon's proposition resulted as follows:-

For:- Miss O'Ryan, Messrs Corish, Cline, Cooney, Colloton, Doman, Mayler, Murphy, Roche and Shannon.....10.

Against:- Col. Gibbon, Col. Quin, Messrs Brennan, Cummins,

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D'Arcy, Hall, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Smyth, Walsh and the
Chairman.....ll.

Messrs Colfer, Keegan and Hayes did not vote.

Mr. Shannon's motion was declared lost.

Road 790.Campile-Ballysallagh Cross .

Mr. Murphy said that no road in the County had more increased traffic. They were an agricultural County and for the people going to the creamery or to market this was one of the worst roads in Wexford - in fact it was almost the worst road in Ireland. Something should be done to help the people of the district.

Mr. Cooney also advocated something being done to repair this road.

The County Surveyor said he had received sanction to provide additional tonnage for this road to be put out at a suitable time.

Wexford Rosslare Road

The County Surveyor said that unless they got a tourist road grant for the Rosslare road they would not get any other grant.

The Chairman said he thought the Tourist Association was trying to get a grant for the road, and he hoped they would get it. However, he travelled over the road as often as Mr. Hadden or anyone, but he could not say it was in such a bad state at all. They would like to have the road done, but they did not want to put extra expense on the ratepayers.

Miss O'Ryan asked how much money was going out of the County in motor taxation.

Mr. D'Arcy said that as far as he knew motor taxation in the country and the taxation on motor spare parts amounted roughly to £960,000 per year. He failed to see why a loan for roads had ever been wanted.

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Miss O'Ryan - I think we are very badly treated in this County.

The Chairman referred to the expenditure on the Enniscorthy-Wexford road.

Miss O'Ryan - It was a foolish undertaking, considering that other roads are deteriorating.

The Chairman remarked that every county represented at the meeting of the General Council of County Councils had the same complaint as Miss O'Ryan - that they were badly treated.

Miss O'Ryan said she would like to know the total motor taxation revenue in the county.

The Chairman said he did not think it was on the basis of motor taxation that the grants were distributed at all.

The County Surveyor said that at present Co. Wexford stood third highest with regard to the amount of grants.

In reply to Miss O'Ryan's query, the Secretary said the total amount received in motor taxation last year was £22,505:11s

The County Surveyor said that he thought their total grants last year were about £63,000 - if they included the Enniscorthy road.

Miss O'Ryan - I think that grant for the Enniscorthy road should not be looked upon as normal expenditure at all. I think it was more or less a freak and an experiment.

Chairman - I think the County Council were glad to get it no matter what freak it was.

Col. Gibbon asked how much the concreting of the Enniscorthy road was saving them each year in maintenance.

The County Surveyor said that if the Enniscorthy road had been a normal road the concreting might save about £1,200 a year but as it was an abnormal road if it had not been concreted it would have cost thousands and thousands. The Council had spent altogether about £50,000 on that road before it was concreted.

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Miss O'Ryan proposed that the Council should pass a resolution asking that they should be paid back the motor taxation sent out of the county each year.

The Secretary suggested that that would be a very dangerous precedent. If they tied themselves down to a figure like that they might lose a lot.

The Chairman said he thought they should leave the matter alone and try and do all they could to get the grants increased.

Mr. Keegan said he thought they should keep the by-roads in order. Everyone would agree that the wealth of the country was being carted over the by-roads.

Mr. D'Arcy - the farmers are't considered at all in the matter.

Secretary - Sure the farmers must use the main roads some time.

The Chairman suggested they should ask their T.D.'s to endeavour to get increased grants.

Mr. D'Arcy said that Wexford was a very good agricultural country, and he thought they were entitled to more grants than other counties.

Mr. Cooney - How much in grants did we lose by cutting the County Surveyor's estimate ?.

Chairman - Oh, you had to have some economy for the rate-payers.

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. McCarthy seconded, that they ask the T.D.'s to try to get the grants increased.

Mr. Corish said they had no objection to doing what they could but he did not think they had any chance. He believed there would be money available later in the year, but he did not know if they would get a share. He thought it would be very dangerous to adopt Miss O'Ryan's proposition with regard to motor taxation.

The Chairman said he thought if the T.D.'s saw a chance of

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of getting anything they should exert themselves to get it, and he was sure they would do so.

Col. Gibbon suggested that they should write to the Tourist Association stating that unless the association got something extra in grants the Council would not give them a contribution next year.

Mr. Corish said he had no objection to their writing to the Association, but he did not agree that they should be threatened in the matter of a contribution.

On the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the following resolution was adopted:-

X "That we again request the Irish Tourist Development Association to call the attention of the Local Government Department to the necessity for the provision of a grant to repair the road between Wexford and Rosslare. In view of the coming tourist traffic it is absolutely necessary that some steps should be taken towards its repair at once. If allowed to remain in its present condition, there can be no question but it will adversely affect Rosslare as a tourist resort."

Special Sub-Committee Road Maintenance.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy, seconded by Mr. Culleton, that the first meeting of the Special Sub-Committee to consider and submit recommendations as to improvements in methods of road maintenance be held at 10.30 a.m. (official time) on Wednesday, 22nd May, 1929, in the County Council Chamber, Wexford. St. Helen's Harbour.

Under date 22nd April, 1929, Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Hon., Secretary Fishermen's Association, forwarded resolution adopted by St. Helen's Fishermen's Association, endorsing their resolution of last year that those in a position to do so would give help in carting material &c., for repair of pier at St. Helen's Harbour. At the meeting of the Association, the Chairman - Rev. J. D'Arcy, C.C., - stated that, from what he knew of the fishermen and others

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interested, those in a position to give help would not look on while public money was being spent. In anticipation of the future the work of building three new fishing boats had already begun and it was expected that, in short, the fishing fleet of St. Helen's would further be largely increased.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, explained that he had had some correspondence with Mr. O'Brien and also an interview. As far as he could find out, everybody in the locality disclaimed ownership of the pier.

The Chairman asked if it would not be possible to acquire a title on the grounds that the place was derelict. It formerly belonged to the Edwardes Estate which had been sold. There were no representatives of the Edwardes people left now.

Mr. Elgee said the pier was not marked on any of the estate maps.

Mr. Corish proposed:-

"That Mr. Elgee communicate with the Department of Fisheries and point out that the Council had made inquiries but failed to find any person who had any claim to the pier at St. Helen's Harbour. In the circumstances would the Department allow the Council to assume that they (the Council) were the Owners.".

Mr. Hall seconded the motion which was adopted.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Colonel Quin seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Minutes of Roads' Committee in respect of meeting held on 22nd April, 1929, be and are hereby confirmed."

Finance Committee

Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 11th April, 1929, were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in Co. Council Chamber, Wexford, on 11th April, 1929.

Present:- Mr. James Shannon, Vice Chairman, (Presiding); also Messrs Sean O'Byrne, Thomas McCarthy, John J. Colleton and James Hall.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, were also in attendance.

Col. Gibbon wrote apologising for non-attendance at the meeting as he had to attend an important meeting in Dublin.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and signed.

TREASURER'S ADVICE NOTE.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4,179: 17: 7d was examined and signed.

STATE OF RATE COLLECTION.

The state of collection of second moiety of Rate for financial year ended 31st March, 1929, was submitted as follows up to date of meeting of Finance Committee:-

E. J. Murphy	86 per cent
J. Quirke	75
S. Gannon	75
M. Deegan	71
A. Dunne	70
J. Curtis	70
J. J. O'Reilly	69
P. Doyle	66
P. O'Byrne	65
J. Cummins	64
T. Sutton	63
T. Rowe	62
M. M. Kelly	62
J. J. O'Reilly and)	
J. J. Sinnott for)	60
No. 14 District)	
W. Cummins	57
P. Donohoe	52
P. Furlong	50
J. Quirke and)	
P. Furlong for)	42
No. 5 District)	
M. O'Hanlon	34.

The arrears outstanding are as follows:-

1923 £102: 2: 1d; 1924 £98: 0: 11d; 1925 £66: 18: 3d;

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1926 £224: 17: 5d; 1927 £641: 1: 6d; 1928 £2385: 1: 0d and for first moiety 1928-29 £4810: 0: 11d.

Proposed by Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon and adopted:- "That Temporary Collector M. O'Hanlon (District No. 21) be called on to close his collection by 11th May and that, in the event of his failure to carry out this direction his sureties be requested to allow Patrick Carty, newly appointed Collector for the District, to carry out the work!"

Mr. P. J. Furlong, Temporary Collector for portion of No.5 District, reported that unofficial receipts had been issued to eight ratepayers the amount involved being £30:16:0d. This had not been brought to account.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That Mr. Charles ^{Ex-} McCarthy, Senior, father of/Rate Collector for No.5 District, be called on to lodge £30: 16: 0d amount collected by Mr. McCarthy and not lodged to the credit of the Council."

That Collectors be informed that serious notice will be taken of the conduct of any Rate Collector issuing unofficial receipts either under his own signature or by anyone on his behalf.

A resolution was adopted that Messrs Quirke and Furlong be called upon to close the collection in No.5 Collection District by 11th May and Messrs O'Reilly and Sinnott the Collection in No. 14 District by same date in order that the newly appointed Collectors will not be called upon to deal with rate for period to March 1929.

A resolution was adopted directing the attention of Collectors P. Donohoe and W. Cummins to the backward state of their Collections. The Finance Committee are not satisfied that these Collectors are paying sufficient attention to the proper discharge of their duties.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That Local Government Department be asked to sanction payment of 50% of poundage on lodgments to 1st March, 1929 to the

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following Rate Collectors:- Sutton, P. Doyle, J. J. O'Reilly and J. J. Sinnott."

The Secretary reported that Mr. McCarthy, Senior, had notified him that as regards ratings No.82 (£1: 3: 3d); 84 (£3: 0: 4d); 33 (£3: 10: 5d); 109 (£6: 8: 10d) No.220 (£1: 8: 6d) in Killinick E.D., for Rate 1927-28 which the representative of Ratepayer concerned held had been paid and which Mr. C. McCarthy, ex-Rate Collector had denied, he had received a letter from his son denying the statement that the amounts had been paid. However, in order to close the matter a settlement had been agreed to be (Mr. McCarthy) paying half the amount and the ratepayer concerned paying the balance.

NEW BUILDINGS LIST.

It was decided that new premises erected at Ballyhack by Mr. John Cummins be placed on New Buildings List:- E.D.Ballyhack; Townland Ballyhack; Valuation £6; Rebate allowed £4.

APPLICATION BY RAILWAY COMPANY.

Under date 4th April, 1929 (N.223/3) the Accountant, Great Southern Railways, wrote pointing out that in consequence of the recent reduction in the valuation of the Company's property they were entitled to a refund of amounts of rates which had been over-paid. A detailed statement of the amount of refund was asked for.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Accountant, Great Southern Railways, be informed that the Finance Committee are prepared to consider any claim for refund which may be made by Great Southern Railways as regards over-payments of rates caused by reduction in the valuation of the Company's premises in the Rural portion of Co. Wexford".

DEFENCE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CRIMINAL INJURIES.

Under date 28th March, 1929, the Secretary, County Board of Health, wrote, that in connection with the above, it was held

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by members of the Board that if there were co-ordination of effort between the bodies concerned in the defence it might be possible to have some of the claims thrown out and many of them considerably reduced. In the particular case in question he was directed to have a valuation made by one of the Board's Engineers and to ask to have the whole matter of the defence of these claims raised at the meeting of the Co. Council with the object of having a general direction as to defence in these cases given.

Mr. Elgee stated that by a general resolution of the Council passed over a quarter of a century ago all claims for compensation for Criminal injury were opposed. He invariably employed a Valuer when he considered such a course necessary. The real difficulty in these cases was to obtain evidence to rebut allegations of malice.

It was decided that copy of Mr. Elgee's observations be furnished the Co. Board of Health.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACTS.

Under date 4th April, 1929, the following was read from the Gas and Weights and Measures Office (Department of Industry and Commerce) 33, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin:-

"Under the provisions of the Weights and Measures Act, 1928, and the Weights and Measures (General Regulations) 1928, it is required that any stamps, used by weights and measures inspectors in connection with the tests made by them shall be ordered only ^{by} the authority of the Minister for Industry and Commerce, and that such stamps shall be of a form and design prescribed by the Minister. These provisions were found necessary to prevent the use of false or irregular stamps. Following the issue of the Weights and Measures (Stamps) Regulations, tenders were invited for various stamps and stamping appliances required, and the lowest tenders for the most suitable form of articles were

provisionally accepted viz., the tender of Mr. J. A. Rooney, 8, College Street, Dublin, for a sealing pliers with two dies at 17/- and for an obliterating stamp, at 6/10d; and the tender of Messrs Evans and Son, Capel Street, Dublin, for a set of cutting punches at 3/3d per set. Only one set of sealing pliers will be required for your area, but an obliterating stamp and a set of cutting punches will have to be supplied to each of the W. and M. Inspectors in that area. As the cost involved is small, it is proposed, unless you notify objection to that arrangement, to include the requirements of your Council under the acceptance of the tender.

"I am directed to inform you also, that the periodical reverification of the Weights and Measures standards provided by your Council for the inspectors of Weights and Measures is now proceeding. This reverification is required under the Acts and Regulations to be made at least once in every five years and it was last made early in 1924. The adjustment of the standards to enable them to pass the necessary tests after five years' use, involves considerable time and careful operation. This work must now be done under the direction of the Minister and it has been found that substantial economy can be effected in comparison with the former procedure by the employment of an expert man to work under the supervision of the examiner; the time of the adjuster occupied on the standards of each local authority being charged against that authority. Where material repairs are required to the balances (such as the replacement of knife-edges) competitive estimates will be obtained from outside firms".

It was decided to recommend the Co. Council to fall in with the suggestions of the Department of Industry & Commerce regarding procurement of stamps etc., and the periodical referification of the Weights and Measures Standards for the County.

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CARETAKER COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Mrs McNally submitted the following claim for Quarter ended 31st December, 1929:- Salary £2: 10: 0d; Contingent Expenses £2: 5: 0d; amount in lieu of rent £6: 10: 0d; Coal allowance £1: 16: 0d and Gas £1: 12: 5d. Total for quarter £14: 13: 5d.

After discussion it was decided to recommend the Council to pay the amount.

POSITION OF MR. JOHN J. FANNING, CLERICAL ASSISTANT CO. COUNCIL.

Arising from letter of Department of Local Government under date 4th April, 1929 (G.21914-1929 Loch Garman) the following resolution was adopted at the meeting of the County Council on 8th April, 1929:-

"That the question of the amount of superannuation to be paid to Mr. J. J. Fanning be remitted to the Finance Committee for consideration at their next meeting and that the Finance Committee also make recommendations relative to the new appointment. That the Department of Local Government be requested to sanction payment of salary to Mr. Fanning until the question of his superannuation has been determined and also to agree to the retention of the services of Mr. O'Kennedy for the same period."

After discussion the following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon "That appointment of Mr. John J. Fanning, Clerical Assistant in Co. Council Offices be determined as from 13th May, 1929."

In connection with proposed superannuation to Mr. Fanning the Secretary stated that Mr. Fanning was appointed Assistant Clerk to Gorey Guardians on 26th August 1911 and sanctioned by Local Government Board on 23rd September 1911. He was appointed Clerk Gorey District Council on 27th March, 1920, and sanctioned by Local Government Board (Letter No. 42384-1920 under date

26th June, 1920)

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Allowing for the amount for checking Rate Collectors' Accounts the average of three years' salary and emoluments to Mr. Fanning was £340: 9: 0d and on that basis the minimum amount of his superannuation allowing for 17 years' service would be £96: 9: 2d. Mr. Fanning had some years unofficial service to the late Clerk of Gorey Union (Mr. Creighton) before his appointment as Assistant Clerk.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"That taking into consideration the unofficial service of Mr. Fanning we recommend the Council to fix his superannuation at £113 per annum on a basis of twenty years' service.

"That as regards new appointment we recommend the Council to retain the services of Mr. Sean O'Kennedy at his present remuneration for six months as from 1st April, 1929."

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Quin:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 11th April, 1929, be received and considered."
Defence of Applications for Criminal Injury.

In connection with this matter Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, stated that ever since the County Council came into operation they had defended all claims for malicious injury but during that period he had never been able to get a single Councillor or any member of the public to come forward and give evidence to rebut the claims. Copies of the various applications were forwarded to County Councillors but no notice was taken of them and no information was forthcoming.

Mr. Keegan held it was the duty of the County Councillors for the various districts to report to Mr. Elgee any information in connection with claims that might come to their notice.

Some of the Councillors pointed out that the real grievance was as to the inflated value of these claims.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee be instructed to employ a valuer in any cases of claims for malicious injury in which he considers such a course is necessary.

Superannuation of Mr. J. F. Fanning.

It was decided that the recommendation of the Finance Committee be considered with Notice of Motion of Mr. Cummins, which was as follows:-

"That superannuation to Mr. John J. Fanning, Clerical Assistant, County Council Offices, be agreed to by the Council, that amount of same be fixed, and that his appointment as Clerical Assistant in the County Council office be determined as from 13th May, 1929."

Mr. Cummins moved the adoption of his motion which was seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and passed.

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Mr. Keegan proposed and Mr. Smyth seconded the following:-

"That we confirm the recommendation of the Finance Committee, fixing the superannuation of Mr. J. J. Fanning at £113 per annum."

As an amendment Colonel Quin proposed:-

"That the legal minimum amount of superannuation, viz., £96: 9: 2d be voted to Mr. J. J. Fanning."

Mr. Hall seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the amendment:- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs Brennan and Hall.....4.

Against:- Miss O'Ryan, Messrs Corish, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Colloton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Hayes, Jordan, Keegan, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Roche, Shannon, Smith, Walsh and the Chairman.....21.

Mr. Armstrong was not present when poll was taken.

The amendment was declared lost and the recommendation of the Finance Committee was then put and passed nem.con.

Position of Mr. O'Kennedy.

Mr. Cummins proposed:- "That the position vacated by Mr. Fanning be filled by advertisement."

Mr. D'Arcy seconded.

As an amendment Mr. Cooney moved:-

"That Mr. O'Kennedy's services be retained until 30th September."

Mr. Walsh seconded.

After considerable discussion, both motions were withdrawn and it was decided to agree to have the appointment of Mr. Fanning's successor made at the July meeting of the County Council, the Finance Committee at their next meeting to consider terms and conditions of appointment for submission to June meeting of the Council.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That the Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 11th April, 1929, except where same have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting, be and are hereby confirmed."

Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 25th April, 1929, were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 25th April, 1929.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs James Hall, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the County Surveyor and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6081: 18: 11d was examined and signed.

NEXT MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

In consequence of date of next meeting of Finance Committee falling on Ascension Day and would also clash with the Royal Dublin Society's Show, the day of next meeting of Finance Committee was fixed for Wednesday, 8th May at 2.15 p.m.

RATE COLLECTION.

The following is the percentages of second moiety of Rate 1928-29 collected to 25th instant:-

	E. J. Murphy	94.
	S. Gannon	91
	J. Doyle	88
	J. Curtis	87
(No.14 District)	J.J.O'Reilly	85
(No. 1 District)	J. Quirke	84
(No.13 District)	J.J. O'Reilly	83
	A. Dunne	82
	P. O'Byrne	78
	M. Deegan	78
	T. Rowe	77
	J. Cummins	77
	P. Doyle	77
(No.16 District)	J.J. Sinnott	74
	W. Cummins	73
	T. Sutton	72
(No.14 District)	J.J. Sinnott	71
	M. M. Kelly	67
(No. 4 District)	P. Furlong	64
(No. 5 District)	J. Quirke	63
	P. Donohoe	61
	M. O'Hanlon	45
(No.5 District)	P. Furlong	25.

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The amount outstanding on this moiety is £15687: 1: 11d.
Amount outstanding on first moiety is £4307: 6: 6d. Arrears of
previous rates 1922-23 £102: 2: 1d; 1923-24 £98: 0: 11d;
1924-25 £66: 18: 3d; 1925-26 £224: 17: 5d; 1926-27 £630: 15: 11d;
1927-28 £2174: 18: 5d. Total arrears £3297: 13: 0d.

The following, under date 15th April, 1929 (G.23088/29 Loch Garman Fa) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of Form 61 for the month of March and I am to draw your attention to the large sum outstanding - over £30,000. The Collectors should be called upon to close their warrants without further delay. The Sureties should be notified of the position and warned that they may be called upon in the event of further delay. Disciplinary action should at once be taken in the more backward cases".

The Secretary stated that a copy of this letter from the Local Government Department had been sent to each Rate Collector and his sureties.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That the special attention of Collectors Donohoe and Furlong be called to the resolution on the Minutes of this Committee that at the close of the collection the Committee intend reviewing the work of all the Collectors for the past year with the intention of dispensing with the services of Collectors who have not performed their work in a satisfactory manner."

"That Collector Furlong be informed that if he does not close the Collection in No.5 District for all recoverable rate by 31st May next the Finance Committee recommend that he be not paid poundage in respect of this district".

The Secretary reported that on 24th April, 1929, Mrs M. Doyle, Kilmacoe, Curraclloe, had notified him that she had received a note from Collector Sutton to pay her rates at his office in

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Wexford. She had written to him she would hand him the amount of rates due any time he called. In reply she had received a six day notice from the Collector. She stated that Mr. Sutton had not called to her for rates for the past three years.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. McCarthy:-

"That Collector Sutton be requested to furnish an explanation relative to the statements of Mrs Doyle, Kilmacoe, in respect of the collection of her rates."

Collector Donohoe wrote, under date 24th April, that he had travelled over his district for the previous week and collected any money it was possible to get. He expected to secure a large amount of outstanding rates in Blackwater fair on 26th inst. The collection would have been more forward were it not for the change of date for last fair in Blackwater which resulted in the fair being very poor.

In connection with the issue of unofficial receipts in Collection District No.5, referred to at last meeting of Finance Committee, Mr. C. McCarthy (father of Mr. C. McCarthy, ex-Rate Collector) wrote, under date 25th April, that he had sent copy of list of such cases to his son and he would write when a reply was received. He could not pay on all unofficial receipts without some acknowledgement from his son that he had been paid.

FIDELITY GUARANTEE BONDS.

The Council were recommended to have enclosed clause in Fidelity Guarantee Bond:- That any amounts found to have been embezzled or retained by Collectors be paid under Fidelity Guarantee Bond notwithstanding any references to fraud or embezzlement in Personal Bonds for Collectors which Council may hold.

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CASE OF EX-COLLECTOR FITZPATRICK.

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Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, handed in cheque from New Ireland Assurance Co., for £188: 4: 8d as final payment for defalcations of Ex-Collector Fitzpatrick. The total payment made by the Company in this case is £832: 12: 6d. In forwarding Paying Order for £188: 4: 8d the Insurance Company wrote as follows under date 24th April, 1929:-

"Adverting to your conversation over the 'phone of even date with our Mr. Corry we have pleasure in forwarding to you herewith our cheque for £188: 4: 8d in settlement of Fitzpatrick's defalcations.

"As pointed out to you in our communication of the 16th inst, we consider that we are entitled to a contribution under the Personal Surety Bond, and our cheque herewith is forwarded without prejudice to our right to claim a recovery and/or contribution from such Bond from the Council and/or the two sureties - Patrick Fitzpatrick, N.T., Kiltelaly and Joseph Hendrick, Main Street, Enniscorthy.

"We await your further advices as promised in this connection.

"As pointed out in your letter of the 18th ultimo, we should be glad to receive Pay Order for poundage to the amount of £163: 6: 10d at your earliest convenience. We are, of course, prepared to admit the Co-Sureties' title to their share of the poundage on settlement".

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That in view of the fact that the New Ireland Assurance Co., have now met in full the claim of the Council in connection with the defalcations of Ex-Collector Fitzpatrick we recommend the Council to pay over to the Company £163: 6: 10d amount of poundage claimed by them, being poundage on lodgments made by Fitzpatrick previous to his dismissal. We also recommend the County Council

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to pay over £28: 12: 3 and £24: 5: 8d Fitzpatrick's Voters Lists' fees and poundage on lodgment by Insurance Company, to Rate Inspector for the District and to Temporary Collector for the District; payment to be contingent on amounts remaining to the credit of the Council after Insurance Company's claim for poundage has been satisfied."

SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

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Applications under above Scheme were received from the following:-

- Richard Kearns, 1223, Goulding St. Rosslare Harbour (father - Railway Employee).
- Patrick D. O'Brien, Tagoat. (Father - Postman).
- Michael Sinnott, The Ballagh, Enniscorthy (Farmer).
- Daniel Condon, Kilmore Quay (Father - Chaffeur).
- Margaret Hughes, Irish Street, Bunclody (Gardener)
- William G. Lambert, Sunnyside, Broadway (Mother National Teacher).
- Richard M. Sinnott, Coolroe, Clonroche (Farmer).
- Richard Kehoe, Kilmore Quay (Mother widow of fisherman).
- Annie Hayes, Church Road, Bunclody (Labourer).
- John F. French, Moneylawn, Gorey (Farmer).
- Wm. P. Redmond, 30, Esmonde Street, Gorey (Labourer).
- Annie Teresa Murray, Ballymacoonogue, The Ballagh (Farmer).
- Patrick Joseph Kenny, Irish Street, Bunclody (tailor)
- Michael Furlong, Foulksmills (Farmer).
- Hugh O'Reilly, Killanne, Enniscorthy (National Teacher).
- Thomas Dempsey, Gurrawn, Rathnure (Labourer).
- James Clare, Moneynamough, Rathnure (Farmer).
- John Hennessy, Grange, Rathnure (Farmer).
- Mary V. Larkin, Ballycullane (Farmer).
- Mary Anne Ronan, Drinagh, Broadway (Farmer).
- Patrick A. Delaney, Barrack ~~5200~~ Adamstown (Farmer).

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Patrick G. B. Power, Railway Station House Chapel (Station Master).

John Geraghty, Coolgreaney, Inch, (Chaffeur).

Kathleen B. Forde, Delta Cottage, Gorey (Farmer).

Matthew Berney, Foxcover, Monaseed (Farmer).

Patrick Parle, Duncannon (Mason).

Mary Ellen Doyle, Duncannon (Labourer).

Bridget Mary Dillon, Templetown, Fethard-on-Sea (small shop keeper).
Peter Fleming, Kilanerin, Gorey (Farmer).

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That we consider the candidates whose names have been submitted to this meeting are eligible to compete at forthcoming examination for Secondary Scholarships subject to the following reservations:-

"That certificates of the valuation of all their holdings be received from the parents or guardians of the following:-
Richard Kearns; Michael Thomas Sinnott, D. Condon; James Clare and Bridget Mary Dillon and that these applications be approved subject to the total valuation of holdings in each case not exceeding £75.

"We consider that the parents of William G. Lambert, Hugh O'Reilly and Patrick G. B. Power are in a position to provide for secondary education without financial assistance from the Council.

✕ "That application of Richard Kehoe, Kilmore Quay, be refused as he is over the age specified in Scheme."

✓ Two applications from New Ross Urban District were rejected as the Scheme is exclusively for the benefit of children residing in the Rural Districts of the County.

Applications received from Frederick G. Todd, The Bungalow, Kilrane (Gas stoker) and David Lynch, Kilrane (Platelayer) did not reach Co. Council Offices until 15th April, while latest date for reception of applications was 13th April.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. McCarthy:-

"That we agree to accept applications under Secondary Scholarship Scheme from Frederick G. Todd and David Lynch and approve of same provided certificates of the valuation of their parents' or guardians' holdings are furnished at once and that amount of said valuations do not in either case exceed £75"

The County Council will agree that the candidates for pupil teacherships sit at same centre as candidates for County Scholarships viz., Christian Schools, Joseph Street, Wexford.

GENERAL CATTLE DISEASES FUND.

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Under date 23rd April, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote that the sum assessed upon the County Council in connection with above was £410: 16: 2d.

It was decided to recommend the Council to pay the amount.

MR. JOHN J. FANNING, CLERICAL ASSISTANT CO. COUNCIL
OFFICES.

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The following under date 18th April, 1929 (G.26049/1929, Loch Garman Fa) was read from Department of Local Government:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th instant and to state that he will not object to the continuance of remuneration to Mr. John J. Fanning, Clerical Assistant, up to the 13th proximo from which date his position will be definitely terminated.

"The Minister further concurs in the temporary continuance of Mr. Kennedy's services for a period not extending beyond the 30th September next on the definite understanding that the terms and conditions for the permanent filling of the vacancy will meantime be arranged and submitted for sanction with a view to the issue of the requisite advertisements."

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It was decided that the Finance Committee consider and draft advertisement etc., in this matter before the 30th September.

OVERDRAFT OF COUNTY COUNCIL.

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Under date 18th April, 1929, the Manager, National Bank, Wexford, wrote that his Directors had sanctioned the continuance of overdraft accommodation of £40,000 on the Subsidiary Account until 30th June next.

While sanctioning this advance his Board, however, had directed him to state that they did so on the distinct understanding that within the period mentioned substantial reductions must be effected in the overdraft requirements.

WEXFORD CORPORATION AND PAYMENT OF DEMAND.

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The following resolution was adopted:-

"That in view of Co. Council overdraft and the necessity for providing funds for County Requirements the Finance Committee must request the Wexford Corporation to take steps, as soon as possible, to meet the demand of the County Council and which is considerably in arrear.

SHEEP DIPPING EXPENSES.

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Under date 19th April, 1929, Mr. M. J. Hennessy, lay sheep dipping Inspector, applied for payment of 15/- travelling expenses for visits to the following in January and February in connection with prosecutions by Garda Síochána under Sheep Dipping Order:- J. Bolger, Robinstown; R. Tyndall, Oaklands; New Ross, and for attending at New Ross District Court on 12th and 19th February, 1929.

It was decided to recommend the County Council to pay the 15/- and to inform Mr. Hennessy that in such cases, in the

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future, he should make application to the District Justice for the amount of his expenses.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

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Under date 19th April, 1929, Mr. Thomas F. White, Carcur House, Wexford, ex-University Scholarship holder, wrote re refund of £7. He regretted he was not at present in a position to do this but hoped to do so at a future date when circumstances would have somewhat changed.

It was decided to inform Mr. White that the Finance Committee expected him to forward the £7 by the 31st May.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT.

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Bill for £2 for four days' use of Town Hall Gorey for Inspector of Weights and Measures was received from the Gorey Town Commissioners.

The Secretary stated he had written the local District Superintendent, Garda Siotchana, asking if it had not been possible to obtain suitable premises for a lesser rate.

Under date 16th April the District Superintendent, Garda Siochana, wrote that the Inspector had not been able to secure alternative accommodation at any price and it was necessary to use the Town Hall Gorey.

It was decided that Mr. O'Byrne should represent to the Commissioners that the charge was excessive and endeavour to have it reduced.

COMMITTALS TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

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Communications were received from the District Court Clerk at New Ross as to committal of Johanna Fowler to an Industrial School and from District Court Clerk Wexford as to committal to Industrial School of Mary and Sarah Dempsey.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee, in respect of meeting held on 25th April, 1929, be received and considered."
Secondary Scholarship Scheme.

In connection with the recommendation of the Finance Committee, Mr. Shannon referred to the possibility of sufficient candidates not passing the examination for the full number of Scholarships and suggested that the three candidates ruled out by the Finance Committee should be allowed to compete on the understanding that, if Scholarships could be filled by other candidates, no award would be made to any of the three candidates referred to.

The meeting declined to accept Mr. Shammon's suggestion.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Quin:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee, in respect of meeting held on 25th April, 1929, be and are hereby confirmed. "

Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 8th May, 1929, were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 8th May, 1929.

Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman) presided. Also present:- Messrs J. E. Walsh, Sean O'Byrne, James Shannon and J. J. Culleton.

The County Surveyor and the Assistant Secretary were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3365: 7: 2d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

The state of the Rate Collection was submitted, showing the following percentages of second moiety of 1929 Rate lodged:-

	E. J. Murphy	95.99
(No.14)	J. J. O'Reilly	92.02
(No.13)	J. J. O'Reilly	91.89
	J. Curtis	91.60
	J. Doyle	90.35
(No.14)	J. J. Sinnott	88.74
	A. Dunne	88.06
	J. Quirke	86.79
	M. Deegan	84.38
(No.16)	J. J. Sinnott	84.11
	P. Doyle	83.39
	S. Gannon	83.11
	P. O'Byrne	82.73
	T. Rowe	82.59
	J. Cummins	79.95
	P. Donohoe	79.84
	W. Cummins	75.77
	T. Sutton	75.58
	M. Kelly	69.53
(No.5)	J. Quirke	68.97
(No.4)	P. Furlong	68.05
	M. O'Hanlon	56.91
(No.5)	P. Furlong	26.26.

The amount outstanding on first moiety of 1929 Rate was £3917: 18: 2d; second moiety 1929 Rate, £12085: 3: 4d; rates for previous periods outstanding £3008: 15: 10d.

The meeting considered that the progress made by Collector P. J. Furlong in No. 5 Collection District (26.26 per cent) was

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unsatisfactory. Mr. Quirke, who was collecting the other portion of this district had 68.97 per cent collected.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Culleton, that Collector Furlong be instructed to attend next meeting of the Finance Committee with his collecting books in order to explain the backward state of his collection.

The following letter was read from Collector Patrick Donohoe:-

"In reply to your letter in connection with resolution of Finance Committee calling my attention to resolution on the Minutes in dealing with Collectors who are not carrying out their duties, I take it that the Committee has me down as one of these Collectors I would like to know what the Finance Committee want me to do as I have done my best to carry out their instructions in trying to collect the rates. I have called on people several times and failed to get the rates and I have to wait until they make money. It has been said I do not call on ratepayers to collect the rates. This statement is certainly untrue as most of my time is gone in the District. If any member of the Committee has any complaint to ~~make~~ make in that respect I ask to be given the opportunity of hearing it. I have carried out seizures on my own Warrant and got several parties committed to terms of imprisonment for non-payment of rates. I also wish to bring under your notice that the sum of £85 costs of Rate cases brought through the Courts from 1923 to 1928 is due to Mr. J. J. Bolger, Solicitor, which he is unable to recover and which I must pay. If I am to take proceedings where ~~there~~ are no goods who will pay the costs.

"I wish to bring under your notice also that I have received no poundage on second moiety 1929 rate and I find it impossible to travel around the Country for four or five months for nothing.

× "Please bring this matter before your Committee."

It was decided that Mr. Donohoe's letter be referred to the

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the meeting of the Finance Committee to be summoned to consider the state of the Rate Collection during the last financial year.

The following letter was read from Collector Thomas Sutton ^{on behalf} regarding statement of Moses Doyle, Kilmacoe, that the Rate Collector failed to call for the rates:-

"Re your letter of the 1st instant I beg to state that I called to the house of Moses Doyle, Kilmacoe, on two occasions during the year for 1st and 2nd moieties of rate which amounts ^s of 5/5d and found no one there, although I had reason to believe that there was someone there.

"As I have placed the matter in the hands of my Solicitor I don't mean to call again, neither will I accept his rates in any way except through my Solicitor."

It was decided that Mr. Sutton be requested to inform the Finance Committee of the dates on which he called to Mr. Moses Doyle.

POUNDAGE.

It was decided that payment of poundage be recommended to Collectors P. J. Furlong (No.4 District), W. Cummins and P. Donohoe, in respect of lodgments of current rate to 1st March, 1929.

SURETIES OF NEW COLLECTORS.

Mr. Patrick Carty submitted the following names for approval as sureties:-

Thomas O'Hanlon, Gusserane and
Martin W. Harrington, Terrerath.

Mr. Thaddeus Bolger submitted, as his sureties, the names
of James Kelly, Bay View House, Camolin and
Patrick Doyle, Newbridge, Camolin.

Mr. Martin J. Culleton submitted, as his sureties, the names
of Andrew Forrest, Wellingtonbridge and
P. E. Mayler, Harriestown.

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The names were approved subject to bankers references for £200 in each case being furnished.

It was reported that Mr. Martin J. Culleton's birth certificate showed that, on the date of the meeting of the County Council, at which he was appointed, viz., 8th April, 1929, he had not reached his 21st year. Mr. Culleton was 21 years of age on 8th May, 1929.

No Order.

Courtkeeper Wexford.

Mrs McNally, Courtkeeper, Wexford, applied for payment of £15: 0: 3d for salary etc., for quarter ended 31st March, 1929.

The amount was made up as follows:-

	£	:	s	:	d
Salary	2	:	10	:	0
Contingent Expenses	2	:	5	:	0
Rent	6	:	10	:	0
Gas	2	:	1	:	2
Coal	1	:	14	:	1.
	£15	:	0	:	3

The amount was approved for payment.

WEXFORD COURTHOUSE SITE.

The Chairman stated he considered steps should be taken to expedite a decision being arrived at as regards the site on which new Courthouse was to be reconstructed. The matter had been going on now for a number of years and he thought a definite decision should have been arrived at long since.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Culleton, that the County Council be recommended to appoint a deputation to wait on the Minister for Finance with a view to obtaining his ruling on the application of the Council to have Wexford Courthouse rebuilt on old Jail site, plans for which have been in

the hands of the Minister for a considerable time.

DRAINAGE RATES.

Under date 25th April, 1929, the following letter was read from Messrs Colfer & Son, Solicitors, New Ross:-

"Mr. Rowe called here and handed us your letter of 10th instant and we now return the Charging Order which you lent him.

"We hesitate to take proceedings in these cases as there are negotiations pending between the various occupiers of Kilmannock and the Government in reference to the annuity and other Charges affecting the property. We pointed out this to Mr. Rowe and he instructed us to inform you of our doubts but if you wish we will go ahead with the proceedings at once."

The Secretary stated he had replied as follows:-

"I have yours with Charging Order re Kilmannock Drainage Rate. As regards proceedings the County Council are anxious that this rate be collected to date and as there does not seem to be any possibility of the amount being paid unless those concerned are prosecuted, I am afraid there is no option but to proceed. If you wish, however, I will ask the Finance Committee for further instructions in view of your statement that negotiations are proceeding between the occupiers and the Government. We were not aware of such negotiations and if you could let me have some particulars thereof I could have the matter discussed at the meeting of Finance Committee on 8th May."

It was decided that Messrs Colfer & Son be informed that the Finance Committee must insist on the Rate Collector taking the necessary steps to collect the Kilmannock Drainage Rate which has already been struck and agreed to by the Council.

Under date 4th May, 1929, the following letter No. 6806/29, was read from the Office of Public Works:-

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"With reference to the resolution passed by your Council at its meeting on the 8th ultimo with regard to the payments due to us under the Drainage Maintenance Act, 1924, in connection with the restoration of the Sow Drainage District, we desire to invite the attention of your Council to our letter of the 23rd January last in which it was pointed out that the payment of the rent-charge is a statutory obligation on the Council. We should be obliged therefore, if steps can be taken to have the amount of the instalment due lodged to our credit before the 1st proximo."

It was decided that the Finance Committee do not interfere in the matter in view of the resolution adopted by the County Council at their meeting on 8th April, 1929, declining to pay instalment of loan for Sow Drainage System.

REFUND OF RATES-RAILWAY COMPANY.

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X The Great Southern Railways Company forwarded application for refund of rates amounting to £719: 4: 0d for 1928-29 owing to reduction of valuation of railway property on appeal.

It was decided that the amount be paid when the new rate has been put in course of collection.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 8th May, 1929, be received and considered."
Rate Collection.

In connection with this matter, the following letter, under date 8th May, 1929 No. G.32246/1929, Loch Garman, Fa) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of the rate collection position as on the 30th ultimo, and to state that he expresses grave dissatisfaction with the state of the Rate Collection in County Wexford over £18,000 remaining outstanding one month after the close of the financial year. The Minister notes that the position of the Rate Collection is growing yearly worse and trusts that the County Council will not hesitate to deal effectively with such Rate Collectors as are carrying out their duties in a dilatory and indifferent manner. The Rate Collectors should be required to close their warrants without further delay and if they fail to do so, their Sureties should be warned and proceedings instituted against the Collectors and their Sureties under their Bonds."

Appointment of Mr. Culleton as Rate Collector for No.5 District.

In connection with the Minute of Finance Committee, pointing out that Martin J. Culleton had not reached his 21st year until 8th May, 1929, Miss O'Ryan moved that the appointment be cancelled in view of the fact that the terms and conditions of appointment stated that the age limits were 21 and 45.

Mr. Corish seconded.

Mr. Culleton moved, and Mr. Murphy seconded, that the

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appointment stand.

Mr. Mayler contended that no vote should be taken on the matter, seeing that Mr. Culleton's appointment as Rate Collector had to be sanctioned by the Local Government Department and that he could not be legally regarded as a Rate Collector until the sanction of this Department had been received. He was over 21 years of age when this sanction was given.

The Chairman said that, in the circumstances, he would accept the proposals which had been made, and directed that a poll be taken on Mr. Culleton's motion to allow the appointment to stand.

The following was the result of the poll:-
For:- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs Brennan, Colfer, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Jordan, Keegan, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, Roche, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman.....17
Against:- Miss O'Ryan, Messrs Armstrong, Cline, Cooney, Corish, Hall, Hayes, O'Byrne and Shannon.....9

The Chairman declared Mr. Culleton's motion adopted.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy, seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"That, in future, where age limits are mentioned in connection with any appointment to be made by this Council, each candidate must submit certificate of birth with his application."

Wexford Courthouse Site.

In connection with this matter Mr. Elgee wrote, under date 11th May, 1929, stating that all the owners of the old Courthouse site had now agreed to sell the rents which they received out of the premises at twenty years purchase with the exception of the Hatchell Estate, the position of which was a bit involved in consequence of proceedings which were pending

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in the Land Judges Court. The Solicitors who had carriage of sale in the matter were dead, and all the papers in connection with it were destroyed in the burning of the Four Courts. The Solicitor who took over the business of the former Solicitors was not disposed to move in the matter so that there might be some difficulty in making title to their interest in the premises. However, as far as the Owners and the Mortgagee on the premises were concerned, they would concur in a sale and he (Mr. Elgee) might be able to get over any difficulty in connection with their part of the Estate. He had done nothing further as to getting a formal agreement with the parties signed until he was sure that the money to complete the purchase was forthcoming.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Hall, that Messrs Jordan and Corish, T.D.'s (who are members of the Council) with the Chairman arrange for an interview with the Minister for Finance in order to lay before him the present position as regards Wexford Courthouse site and obtain his ruling thereon. That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, accompany the deputation who are also empowered to obtain the services of the County Surveyor and the County Secretary, should they consider this essential.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:-

"That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 8th May, 1929, be and are hereby confirmed."

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PAYMENTS TO ROAD CONTRACTORS.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That the several Proposals for Payments to Road Contractors, as appearing on Form 22, be and are hereby adopted, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and

initialled by the Chairman."

APPLICATIONS FOR CLOSING OF ROADS &c.

Under date 10th May, 1929, (R./RV/32), the Department of Local Government wrote that the Minister had instructed Mr. Quigley, Chief Engineering Inspector, to hold an Inquiry at 10.30 a.m., on the 28th May into the applications of the Wexford County Council for Orders under Section 7(4) of the Roads Act, 1920 (Restriction of Motor Traffic, Main Street, Wexford), and Section 29 of the Local Government Act 1925 (closing portion of road adjoining Rosslare Coastguard Station).

It was decided that Wexford Corporation be requested to nominate witnesses as regards application under Section 7(4) of the Roads Act, 1920, and that the Chairman and Messrs Hayes and Roche attend the Inquiry on behalf of the County Council in respect of the applications for an Order to close road at Rosslare and, if necessary, that they submit evidence in the matter.

£625 LOAN, COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

Mr. Shannon moved the following, of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the Wexford Co. Council hereby consents to the borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of £625 for the purpose of converting a wing of the old Hospital at Wexford into apartments for the Nursing Sisters at the Hospital."

Colonel Quin seconded.

Passed.

PETROL PUMP - MESSRS BATES & SON, GOREY.

The following motion, of which he had given previous notice, was moved by Mr. Keegan:-

"That the action of the Council in refusing to allow

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Messrs Bates & Son, Gorey, licence for petrol pump because tank was placed under footpath be reconsidered, and if resolution be rescinded that licence for this petrol pump issue in the ordinary manner."

Mr. D'Arcy seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For: Miss O'Ryan, Messrs Armstrong, Brennan, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Hayes, Keegan, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, Shannon, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman.....19

Against:- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs Corish, Hall, Jordan, O'Byrne and Roche.....7.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. D'Arcy proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the following which was adopted:-

"That Licence for Petrol Pump referred to in Mr. Keegan's Notice of motion, considered at this meeting, be now issued to Messrs Bates & Son".

FUTURE APPOINTMENTS OF OFFICERS.

The following motion of which she had given previous notice, stood in the name of Miss O'Ryan:-

"That, in future, positions under the County Council be given only to those in need of employment. That candidates for Rate Collectorships and other posts must not be owners of land or of other property nor the Representatives of persons holding same."

Mr. Elgee said that, in his opinion, the motion was too far-reaching and tied the hands of the Council beyond the limits to which they were entitled to go. The Council could not cut down the powers given them by statute in relation to appointments and he believed the effect of this motion would do this. There was nothing to prevent the Council going into the merits of each individual case and, in the circumstances, he advised that the

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motion should not be adopted.

Miss O'Ryan, in view of Mr. Elgee's opinion, withdrew her motion.

SALARY OF CORONER FOR SOUTH WEXFORD.

Under date 25th April, 1929, (G.27565/1929 Loch Garman Sd), the Department of Local Government wrote, forwarding copy of the following appeal under Section 18 of the Coroners Amendment Act, 1927, received from Mr. J. J. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford, as regards his salary:-

"It is with the greatest confidence I appeal to you to remedy a matter of long-standing injustice, viz., the totally inadequate salary I receive from the Wexford County Council as their Coroner for the Southern Division of the County. Since I became deputy coroner (1st December, 1908) and Coroner (December 20th, 1916) I must have travelled well over 10,000 miles in discharge of my duty, without ever receiving one farthing compensation towards the expenses of these journeys. For many years I paid 1/- per mile for motoring costs to and from Inquests which left practically nothing for the work connected therewith. They pay me £100 per year, out of which I must bear all motoring expenses in addition to paying a deputy coroner from my own pocket. The Council asked me lately for a return of the Inquests I held and the mileage I travelled in the last three years, which proved I had travelled no less than 1,178 miles. You are aware, Sir, under the New Coroners Act very little discretion is left to coroners about the holding of Inquests so that the work has increased enormously, and no prospect of it being less, especially for me. My district is rather a peculiar one, as I have a water line for drownings of about 80 miles. My river and ocean district run from Mountgarret Bridge above New Ross down the river Barrow, then down to Hook

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Lighthouse at the entrance to Waterford Harbour, then down the Atlantic Ocean to Fethard and Cullenstown (where the Fethard lifeboat was lost with nearly all hands a few years ago;) then down the coast to Kilmore Quay on to Carnsore Point and to Ballygeary Pier (where the Fishguard service touches the Emerald Isle). Still on to Curracloe and back up the Wexford Harbour, taking in both sides of the river Slaney, on to Ferrycarrig Bridge, and ending at Killurin Bridge, where North Wexford joins in making a distance of water alone of about 20 miles. Probably no other coroner in Ireland has such a district to cope with. My district by land - It runs from the Hook lighthouse to the hills of Screen, about 32 miles. From Ballywilliam to Carnsore, 33 miles, and from New Ross to Ballygeary Pier, 33 miles. This includes the important town of Wexford with over 12,000 souls and the important seaport of New Ross (so famous for its drownings) Therefore, Sir, if you refer to the Returns of Coroners for other counties you will find Coroners in receipt of nearly double my salary for doing far less work. I had in 1928 twenty-seven Inquests, particulars of which I enclose. Therefore, Sir, you can easily see that my request to you calls for your immediate attention. The Secretary of our Coroners' Association says I have one of the strongest cases possible for a substantial increase in salary. Under all the circumstances I have laid before you and all founded upon truth, if you deem me worthy of a substantial increase of salary, I would be grateful if you let the increase cover expenses as then there could be no dispute as to the mileage or anything else. The Council allows travelling expenses to all their surveyors, poultry, butter and horticultural Instructors, and I am informed the Superintendents of the Guards are allowed full expenses for attending Inquests; yet the Coroners are left out in the cold."

Proposed by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. D'Arcy, and adopted

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"That the Council see no reason why they should increase the salary of Mr. Roche as Coroner for South Wexford. We consider it a fair and just salary. Mr. Roche is a large farmer and, as he is in receipt of £3 to £4 per Inquest, we deem his present salary ample."

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS - MOUNTGARRETT BRIDGE.

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Under date 1st May, 1929, (A.S.30768/29 Oifig(d)), the Department of Local Government wrote, stating that the Minister had instructed Mr. S. Hurley, Local Government Auditor, to audit the accounts of the Mountgarrett Bridge Committee for the half years ended 30th September, 1927, 31st March and 30th September, 1928, and until further notice.

SANCTION TO APPOINTMENTS OF RATE COLLECTORS.

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Under date 10th May, 1929, (G.32802/1929, Loch Garman Fa) the Department of Local Government wrote, stating that the Minister sanctioned the proposed temporary appointment on the terms set out in the Queries, of Mr. Patrick Carty as Collector for Collection District No.21, and on condition that Mr. Carty resided in his District.

Under date 10th May, 1929 (G.32801/1929, Loch Garman Fa) the Department of Local Government wrote, stating that the Minister sanctioned the temporary appointment of Mr. Martin J. Culleton as temporary Rate Collector for the No.5 Collection District on condition that he resides in his District.

Under date 10th May, 1929, (G.32803/1929, Loch Garman Fa) the Department of Local Government wrote, stating that the Minister sanctioned the temporary appointment, on the terms proposed by the Council of Mr. Thaddeus Bolger for Collection District No.14.

ROAD GRANTS.

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The Secretary reported that, since the last meeting of

the Council, a sum of £1238 had been received in respect of Road Maintenance Grant, 1928-29.

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BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER: REMUNERATION OF VETERINARY INSPECTORS
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Under date 6th May, 1929, (letter No. L.2414/28) the Department of Agriculture wrote, approving of remuneration at the rate of ^{£25}~~£12~~ per annum being paid for a period of twelve months from 1st April, 1929, to the undermentioned Veterinary Inspectors for work under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order of 1926:-

Mr. T. A. Mernagh, V.S., former Union Area of Gorey;
Mr. P. J. Hayes, V.S., former Union Area of Enniscorthy;
Mr. R. Malone, V.S., former Union Area of Wexford; Mr. Joseph Lynch, V.S., former Union Area of New Ross (Southern Portion);
Mr. F. W. Taylor, V.S., former Union Area of New Ross (Northern portion).

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER.
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Under date 18th April, 1929 (L.1087-29) the Department of Agriculture wrote stating that the Department of Justice had intimated that the Garda Síochána had been instructed to renew, for this year, the arrangements made last year in connection with the enforcement of the Sheep Dipping Order. Accordingly, the Garda would prepare and furnish to the Local Authority lists of Sheep Owners in the respective Police Districts. Copies of the Forms required by Sheep Owners would be made available at Garda Síochána Stations but it was not practicable for the Garda to distribute these forms among Sheep Owners. Notices of Intention to Dip and Declarations as to completion of dipping received by the Garda would be transmitted to the Local Authority. The Garda could not be expected to participate actively in the work of supervising the process of Sheep Dipping but they would report any instance of infringement of the Regulations which might come under their notice.

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Under date 4th May, 1929, (L.1293-29) the Department wrote, approving of the re-employment of Messrs James Murphy, Myles Roban, James Hayden, Morgan Flaherty, Thomas Prendergast and M. J. Hennessy, as Sheep Dipping Inspectors, during the Sheep Dipping Periods for the current year at a remuneration of £1 per week, to include travelling expenses, but not postage, cost of which is allowed to the Inspectors by the County Council.

SUBSTITUTES FOR VETERINARY INSPECTORS.

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Under date 15th April, 1929 (L.72/29), the Department of Agriculture wrote, drawing attention to the necessity for Local Authorities making proper arrangements in respect of substitutes for their Veterinary Inspectors temporarily unable to perform their usual duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts. The definite powers conferred and the definite duties imposed on an Inspector under the Acts and the Department's Orders thereunder could be properly discharged only by an officer appointed by the Local Authority and approved by the Department. Whether the Local Authority accepted the substitute nominated by an Inspector or selected a substitute themselves, a formal temporary appointment should be made in every case and submitted for the Department's approval. If the Local Authority had not a Committee a Sub-Committee capable of making such temporary appointments, immediately an occasion arose, the Department suggested that the Clerk should be authorised to act in an emergency.

It was decided that the Finance Committee, which meets fortnightly, be empowered to make the necessary appointments of substitutes for Veterinary Inspectors when occasions arise.

PROJECTING ROCK AT CAHORE PIER.

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Under date 25th April, 1929 (D/24/2) the Department of Lands and Fisheries wrote that the attention of the Minister had been

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called to the necessity for the removal of a projecting rock at the junction of the old and new work at Cahore Pier. The Minister would be glad that the County Council would arrange to have the rock removed as it was a source of danger to boats engaged in fishing particularly during the winter herring season.

Under date 7th May, 1929, the County Surveyor wrote that, some years ago, he had examined this particular place and inspected the rock with a view to its removal. He came to the conclusion that the only method of removing it would be by blasting and, in his opinion, such work would probably injure the masonry. He would, however, make a further inspection soon and, if it were possible to arrange for the removal of the rock, he would have it done.

DEFAULTING LAND COMMISSION ANNUITANTS.

Under date 27th April, 1929 letter (No. 1017/29 Wexford D2), was read from the Irish Land Commission, stating that the total amount of Annuities payable annually by tenant purchasers in the County Wexford was £128,602, and the total of the arrears at the 31st March, 1929, was £17,840.

The Chairman explained that he and Mr. O'Byrne put the case of Wexford County Council very clearly before the last meeting of the County Council's General Council and fully explained the grievance of the Council regarding the withholding of Government Grants. The matter was referred to the Executive Committee to report to next meeting of the General Council.

Colonel Gibbon said in the case of defaulting annuitants the Land Commission might make arrangements by which portion of the money obtained for the setting of land would go towards the repayment of the annuities and the rates and another portion be left to the man himself.

It was decided that a copy of the resolution of the Council

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already sent the General Council should be forwarded to the Land Commission and also the County Councils in An Saorstát.

COUNTY COUNCILS SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS.

Under date 28th March, 1929, letter was read from the Department of Education that County Scholarships would be tenable at Preparatory Colleges unless provision to the contrary was included in the County Scheme.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman:-

"That, in the Co. Wexford Scheme for Secondary Scholarships, for next year, a clause be included that such Scholarships are not to apply to candidates holding pupil teacherships or places in Preparatory Colleges." .

ROAD FROM ROSSLARE HARBOUR TO KILRANE SCHOOL.

Under date 26th April, 1929 (L.1984/29) the Department of Education wrote asking the County Council to have the necessary improvements made in the road from Rosslare Harbour to Kilrane School so as to render it free from flooding in bad weather when it was a danger to the young children who used this road on their way to school.

The County Surveyor stated that the road would require to be raised a distance of about 48 yards by about one foot. This would cost £25 or £30, and in view of the fact that this road was used by people going to Mass and by children going to school, he thought the amount might be expended.

It was decided that the County Surveyor submit a supplemental proposal in connection with this road before next Winter.

PUBLIC WEIGHBRIDGES.

Proposed by Mr. D'Arcy, seconded by Mr. Shannon and adopted:-

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"That we request the ex-officio Inspectors of Weights and Measures to pay surprise visits to public weighbridges in towns when animals are being weighed thereat. This we consider necessary in consequence of statements which have been made to this Council."

DE-RATING OF LAND.

Under date 17th April, 1929, the Secretary, County Councils General Council forwarded report relative to proposals approved at a special meeting of the General Council on 1st March for (1) carrying out the de-rating of agricultural land and (2) a joint Scheme for the relief of rates and construction of Trunk roads.

In connection with the de-rating of land Mr. Jordan mentioned that the Farmers' Party had moved in the matter as early as last June and a Committee, of which he was a member, was set up to make recommendations which included the taking over of maintenance of Main and trunk roads and Mental Hospitals by the Government but these recommendations were not approved by the Minister for Finance. The Farmers' Party had another discussion later but he was not in a position to speak about it at the moment. He was certain that the Minister for Finance would make an announcement on the whole matter very soon and it would be advisable if the Council adjourned consideration of the report submitted from the General Council until they were in possession of the Minister's views.

It was decided that consideration of the report received from the General Council be accordingly adjourned.

APPLICATION, EXTENSION OF LEASE, NURSING HOME.

Dr. S. A. Furlong, Infirmary House, Wexford, wrote, under date 26th April, 1929, applying for an extension for a further 70 years of the lease on the premises held by him from the County

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Council, as he might undertake alterations and improvements provided he had that fixity of tenure which everyone desired.

Referred to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Walsh:-

"That the following be appointed as members of the Scholarship Committee:-

The Chairman (Mr. M. Doyle), Vice Chairman (Mr. Shannon); Messrs Hall, Mayler, Sean O'Byrne, R. Corish, (County Councillors) Rev. W. F. Murphy, St. Peter's College, Wexford, Rev. Br. Markey, Superior, Christian Bros., Wexford; Rev. T. Talbot; Rector of Horetown; Messrs E. P. Foley; J. J. Kelly, N.T., Taghmon; and Hugh O'Byrne, N.T., Ballindaggin, Enniscorthy."

CIRCUIT COURT OFFICE.

Under date 26th April, 1929, letter was read from Mr. Michael J. Dwyer, County Registrar, asking that the Circuit Court Office and approaches thereto should be put into proper order without further delay. Very little had been expended on the repair of the premises since they were partially destroyed in November 1922, and the question of putting them in proper order being allowed to remain in abeyance pending the settlement of the general question of the building of a new Courthouse and offices. Mr. Dwyer further added that no matter what decision might ultimately be arrived at to provide a new Courthouse and offices the condition of his present offices must be improved.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of the matter pending the result of the visit of the deputation to the Minister for Finance regarding the fixing of site of Courthouse.

IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr.

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Murphy, seconded by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That Mr. Thomas McCarthy, M.C.C., be appointed representative of Wexford County Council on the Executive Committee of the Irish Tourist Association for the year 1929-30."

ANALYST'S REPORT.

Report of County Analyst for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1929, was submitted, showing that 160 analyses had been carried out; drugs 33; Food, 126; Waters, 1; number adulterated:-
New milks, 2; Whiskies, 2; Buttermilk, 1.

The remainder of the business was adjourned to next meeting.

Michael Doyle

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY.

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I hereby certify the foregoing to be a correct
record of the Minutes of Proceedings of Wexford County
Council in respect of meeting held on 13th May, 1929.

(Signed)

N. J. Forzelle

Secretary Wexford County Council.

Dated this 17th day of May, 1929.

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